

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Ming Bo WANG et al.	)	Group Art Unit:
Application No.: TBA	)	Examiner:
Filed: Feb. 19, 2004	)	Confirmation No.:
For: Efficient Gene Silencing in Plants	)	
Using Short dsRNA Sequences	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the referenced application, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows: